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SUBJECT: AIR DEFENSE

REF: STATE 125458

1. CONVEYED TO PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ESSENTIAL OUTLINES OF MATERIAL PROVIDED IN PARA 1 AND NON-FYI PORTIONS PARA 2 REFTEL. HIS REACTION WAS TO ACCEPT FACT THAT AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE BALLPARK IN TERMS OF COSTS FOR JORDANIANS. HE SAID HE THOUGH CROTALE WOULD PROBABLY COST THEM \$US50 M OR \$US60M PER BATTALION AND THAT ALSO WAS STILL TO EXPENSIVE. HE ADDED THAT IN THREE YEARS OR SO, JORDAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO AFFORD SOMETHING IN THAT COST RANGE IF EXPECTED INCREASES IN INCOME FROM PHOSPHATE, CEMENT AND COOPER ARE FORTHCOMING.

2. COMMENT: HIS ASSUMPTIONS ON INCOME ARE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, BUT I COUNT IT A GOOD SIGN THAT HE APPEARS TO ACCEPT IMPOSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FUNDING NOW FOR A MODERN MISSILE-BASED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. HE DID NOT ASK FURTHER ABOUT PARA 3 REFTEL AND I DID NOT COMMENT ON THE ITEM.
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